

3. (Amended) The reciprocating saw as set forth in Claim 7 wherein the first grip surface is selectively engageable by one of the operator's first hand and the operator's second hand, and wherein the lever is operable by the one of the operator's first hand and the operator's second hand engaging the first grip surface.

Cancel Claim 4.

5. (Amended) The reciprocating saw as set forth in Claim 7 wherein the shoe support member defines therealong a plurality of teeth, wherein, in the locked position, the locking member engages the teeth so that the shoe support member is locked in a position relative to the housing, and wherein, in the unlocked position, the locking member does not engage the teeth and the shoe support member is movable relative to the housing.

6. (Amended) The reciprocating saw as set forth in Claim 7 wherein the locking member is pivotable between the locked position and the unlocked position.

7. (Amended) A reciprocating saw comprising:

- a housing including a first grip surface for an operator's first hand and a second grip surface for an operator's second hand;
- a motor supported by the housing;
- a spindle movably supported by the housing, the spindle having an end adapted to support a saw blade;
- a drive mechanism connected between the motor and the spindle to reciprocally drive the spindle relative to the housing upon operation of the motor;
- a shoe for engaging a surface of a workpiece;
- a shoe support member supporting the shoe, the shoe support member being movably supported by the housing;
- a locking assembly operable to lock the shoe support member in a position relative to the housing; and
- a lever for operating the locking assembly between a locked condition, in which the shoe support member is locked in a position relative to the housing, and an unlocked condition, in which the shoe support member is movable relative to the housing, the lever being supported on the first grip surface such that, during operation of said saw, the operator's first hand engages the first grip surface and the lever and thereby maintains the lever in a locked position corresponding to the locked condition of the locking assembly;

wherein the locking assembly includes a locking member engageable with the shoe support member, and wherein the lever is operable to move the locking member between a locked position, in which the locking member engages the shoe support member to lock the shoe support member in a position relative to the housing, and an unlocked position, in which the shoe support member is moveable relative to the housing;

wherein the locking member has a first end and a second end, and wherein the lever engages the first end and the second end of the locking member.

10. (Amended) A reciprocating saw comprising:
a housing including a first grip surface for an operator's first hand and a second grip surface for an operator's second hand;
a motor supported by the housing;
a spindle movably supported by the housing, the spindle having an end adapted to support a saw blade;
a drive mechanism connected between the motor and the spindle to reciprocally drive the spindle relative to the housing upon operation of the motor;
a shoe for engaging a surface of a workpiece;
a shoe support member supporting the shoe, the shoe support member being movably supported by the housing;
a locking assembly operable to lock the shoe support member in a position relative to the housing;
a lever for operating the locking assembly between a locked condition, in which the shoe support member is locked in a position relative to the housing, and an unlocked condition, in which the shoe support member is movable relative to the housing, the lever being supported on the first grip surface such that, during operation of said saw, the operator's first hand engages the first grip surface and the lever and thereby maintains the lever in a locked position corresponding to the locked condition of the locking assembly; and
a retainer member supported by the housing and defining a channel, and wherein the shoe support member is movable in the channel.

Cancel Claims 15-22 and 31.

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are pending. Claims 1, 4, 15-22 and 31 are cancelled without prejudice.

The Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a) for failing to show contact portions 212. Proposed drawing corrections are submitted herewith under a separate paper to correct the noted deficiencies. No new matter has been added. Withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-14 and 23-30 stand rejected under the cited prior art. Specifically, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-7, 10-14, 23-24 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,007,172 ("Palm"). Also, the Examiner rejected Claims 8-9,